

**MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 3, 2018
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Announce Quorum

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Mayor Francis stated "This meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements." (Mayor noted fire exits)

ROLL CALL: The Clerk called the roll and the following members were present: Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Hoferkamp, Councilman Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Francis.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Francis invited all present to salute the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hopatcong Girl Scout Troop 94074 – Silver Awards

At this time Mayor Francis presented proclamations to the girls from Troop 94074 for earning their Silver Awards - Joelle Tone, Tamia Louissaint, Dariana Garcia, and Keelyn Cathryn Boström.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Francis allowed each member of the Council, to present their respective committee reports.

Councilwoman Galate reported that the Farmers Market is winding down. There are three more days and one of those will feature Father Peter blessing the animals.

Councilman Hoferkamp stated that the Mayor's Pride Community Service Program is still on-going.

Councilman Young reported that Recreation has not met but that Oct. 14th is the Halloween Parade/Contest with a rain date of October 21, 2018. Basketball sign-ups are on-going. The Municipal Alliance will have a table at Back to School night. The Environmental Commission discussed meeting dates for next year as well as the clean-up, the shred day and the tree give-away. On November 3rd there will be a lake clean-up.

Councilman Padula stated that Seton Hall is conducting a Market Research Survey for the Redevelopment area. They are getting feedback and looking into people's perception regarding the Redevelopment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Councilman Young made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.

David Harris questioned the bid on lawn service further inquiring as to when Modick Park would be mowed. He questioned what the violations would be for the smoking ordinance and if it was a state law; further questioning if dpw workers and police officers were allowed to smoke in the Borough vehicles. Mr. Harris informed the Council that the air rater was still not working at Modick Park; and commented that there are still no political signs up and questioned if there was a reason.

Peter Frechtling, 443 River Styx Road, questioned if the Seton Hall students would be returning.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Young made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Schindelar made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2018. Seconded by councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: Padula

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: At this time Borough Administrator, Ron Tappan, updated the Governing Body in regards to the 2019 Budget preparation. He informed the Mayor and Council that he had met with all but three department heads and should have the preliminary information by Friday.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Francis requested that all persons present review the consent agenda. If any member of the Council or public wishes an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately, a motion to this effect shall so be made at this time.

Councilwoman Galate questioned the refund of a return check fee resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Francis briefly explained that there was a glitch in the system where the system did not allow the resident to pay online, so they had to pay in person and was assessed a late fee.

After all persons have had an opportunity to review the consent agenda and offer requests for changes, Councilman Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Introduction Ordinance #17-2018 – Repealing Chapter 97 – Curfew

Councilman Young made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 97 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG ENTITLED 'CURFEW'". Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

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Introduction Ordinance #18-2018 – Peddling and Soliciting

Councilman Young made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 171 ENTITLED 'PEDDLING AND SOLICITING' REGARDING PERMITTED HOURS". Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Councilwoman Galate clarified that this Ordinance would apply to those who obtained a Solicitor's Permit.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

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Introduction Ordinance #19-2018 – Creating Chapter 194 Regarding Smoking

Councilman Young made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING CHAPTER 194 REGARDING SMOKING”. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Mr. Ursin explained that this Ordinance should be under the Borough’s Ordinances and will be removed from the Board of Health Ordinances at the next Board of Health meeting.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2018-187 – Approving Competitive Contracting for Lawn Maintenance

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the QPA to proceed with the process of Competitive Contracting for the purpose of lawn maintenance. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-191 – 2019 Grant Application for DOT Municipal Aid Program

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal and execution of a grant application/contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2019 Hopatcong Roadway Resurfacing Project through the Municipal Aid Program. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-192 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of October 3, 2018, pulling purchase order numbers 18-0049, 18-0061, 18-00210, 18-00213, 18-01579, 18-01584, 18-01616, 18-01644, 18-01659, 18-01662, and 18-01645. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Councilman Young made a motion to authorize the payment of purchase order numbers 18-0049, 18-0061, 18-00210, 18-00213, 18-01579, 18-01584, 18-01616, 18-01644, 18-01659, 18-01662, and 18-01645. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: Galate

Resolution #2018-194 – Entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Administrator to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Bergen. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Galate inquired what was being done with the DPW Superintendent position.

Mr. Tappan explained that the job was being handled amongst supervisors at the moment and will be discussed further in the Finance Committee and budget for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Francis explained that they are looking into creating a Hopatcong Community Center for residents that could accommodate some of the residents needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Young made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.

Lynn Owens inquired if the Mayor had received her email of pictures of the roads in the neighborhood and informed him of the overgrowth at the end of Papoose.

David Harris questioned if they would be paving the second half of Crescent Road. Mr. Harris further questioned how the smoking Ordinance would affect smoking on school property and who's jurisdiction it was. Mr. Harris inquired if the new cameras have been effective.

Helmet Rehe, 501 Naritcong Avenue informed the Council that the baseball field by his home had a tarp flapping, trees ripping down the netting, the south side of the field is all that is trimmed (poison ivy and weeds are growing over into his property), and the signs need to be fixed.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Young made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Padula made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar. All were favor.